GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1104
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000
CLAIMS DEBTS CASES IN MMTC
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of claims/debts of over Rs. 1 crore in MMTC brought to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases on which the arbitration is in progress;

(c) the number of cases on which the criminal action has already been initiated by MMTC as on October. 31 2000; and

(d) the steps taken by the MMTC to have transparency in gold operations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) : Details of claims/debts of over Rs.1 crore in MMTC brought to the notice of the Government during the last three years showing cases under arbitration, as also investigated by CBI/CVC, as on 31-10-2000, are given in the enclosed Statement.

(d) : Steps taken by MMTC to have transparency in gold operations cover, inter-alia supply of gold to bonafide exporters/domestic customers against 100% security inclusive of cost of gold, interest, customs duty and taxes; sale at internationally accepted London Bullion Market rates; and monitoring the entire purchase/sale transactions including exports obligations period, validity of bank guarantee, etc. through a web enabled information system being commissioned shortly. The system will also give on-line information of gold inventory held location-wise, supplies made to each customer, age- wise analysis of exports made as well as outstanding obligations.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN PART (a) TO (c) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1104 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.11.2000

Sl.No	Name of the Party	Commodity	Amount (In Rs. Crore)	Remarks
	1997-1998			
1.	M/s J.M. Baxi,Kandla	Fertilizer & Packing Material	2.82	Arbitration-Party suggested amicable settlement. Proposal of the party under examination.
2.	M/s D.S. Shipping, Mumbai.	Sulphur	1.31	Pending before court
3.	M/s Virdhishri Marketing and Services Ltd, Patna	Fertilizer	1.98	Arbitration and criminal case in progress
4.	Domestic sale of rice-Kandla	Rice	4.45	Under investigation
5.	M/s Balaji Exports	Gold	1.72	Under investigation/arbitration
6.	M/s Electra (India) Ltd.	Copper	2.04	Under investigation. Civil/ Criminal action in progress.
	1998-1999			
7.	M/s Shakti Clearing Agency,Bedi	Soya	6.01	Arbitration commenced.

1999-2000

8. M/s Makan Gold Overseas Ltd. Gold 1.63 Under investigation. Decreed in favour of MMTC.